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REMARKS

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1. During the night of 24 September 1952, part of the troops returned to the Loebstedt Kaserne on Naumburger Strasse, Jena (M 51/J 61). About 200 soldiers carrying billeting equipment stood in the barracks yard on the following day. Trucks [ ] were nearby. The installation was lighted about 50 percent after dark. Motor traffic from and to the installation increased on the following days. Nine SP guns [ ]

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[ ] were in the barracks yard on 7 October. About 200 soldiers were engaged in athletics. On 10 October, the installation was occupied by about 800 soldiers and was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.<sup>1</sup>

2. The barracks installation in Zwaetzen at the intersection of Naumburger Strasse and Bruecken Strasse was still vacant on 10 October, except for two rooms which were occupied by a guard detail.
3. At 10:30 a.m. on 9 October, 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets marched from the western railroad station to the Forst Kaserne on Otto Schott Platz. No sentry was noticed at the installation either on 9 or 10 October. Residents in Jena believed that the installation would later be used as a training center for Soviets and VPs.<sup>2</sup>
4. On 7 October 1952, the streets leading to the guarded area east of the Loebstedt Kaserne had heavy imprints of tanks. The gate of the area was guarded by a double sentry.<sup>1</sup>
5. On 5 October 1952, several officers were seen in the area of the Rasenmuehle (mill) south of the Rasenmuehlen Island and just north of the Saale River, south-southwest of the Paradies railroad station. They were engaged in surveying and were equipped with maps.

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1. [ ] Comment. On 1 October, two trains of the 60th Gds Recz Regt of the 20th Gds Recz Div and, on 3 October, one train of the 2504th Gds AAA Regt (US) which are both stationed in the Loebstedt Kaserno went from Crawinkel to Jena, as did two trains of unidentified units of the 20th Gds Recz Div on 3 October. [ ] The bulk of the division was in the Dessau-Miesenburg maneuver area from 7 to 15 October. The SP guns and tanks observed on 7 October probably belong to the tank training battalion. [ ]

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2. [ ] Comment. The occupation of the other barracks installations is still unchanged. [ ] No other information has been received indicating that the Forst Kaserno would be occupied by VPs.

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